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Musical A-Mazes Audience With Music, Myth, Comedy

by Matthew Arbach



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Theseus (Sean Brittan-Powell, center), Pirithous (Ezra Pitts, left) and Daedochus (Creedence Jackson, right) lead the cast in Everybody's Gotta Row.

Theseus and the Monster in the Maze is a musical "about defending democracy," said writer, composer and director Chris Cherry, told through the vehicle of a play within a play. Com-

bining the Greek myth of Theseus and a grim not-too-distant future, Cherry and his company presented a spirited performance of epic adventure and song on March 7, commemorating the

20th anniversary production of the Greenbelt Youth Musical. Two additional performances will be offered on Saturday, March 14

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Maryland Primaries Are April 28; Voter Registration Closes April 7

by Kathleen Gallagher

Is there anyone out there who doesn't know this is the season of primary elections for the two major political parties to select their presidential candidates? Probably not.

If anything, Marylanders have been wondering if they would get a chance to contribute their two cents. This year, Maryland voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, April 28, in tandem with voters from Connecticut, Delaware, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Democrats have 14 candidates

still listed on their presidential ballot, with Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders being almost the only ones who have not officially withdrawn. Some states have cancelled their Republican primary election, but Marylanders can vote for either Donald Trump or Bill Weld. One "down ballot" election appears on both ballots:

that for District 5 Congressional Representative. Four candidates on the Democratic ballot and five on the Republican ballot are running to challenge Steny Hoyer. On both ballots, there also appear contests for Judge of the Circuit Court (Circuit 7) and for

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PHOTO BY RIC GORDON

On March 5, McKayla Wilkes, right, candidate for the House of Representatives in Maryland's fifth district, opened a campaign office in Roosevelt Center. She is pictured with Gladys Weatherspoon, candidate for circuit court judge.

Coronavirus

Greenbelters and Coronavirus: Information for City Residents

by Cathie Meetre

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Note: This article draws from reliable sources, including the CDC and the Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering website, which in turn references the World Health Organization and official sources of information in a variety of countries. The information contained in this article should not be construed as medical advice and each individual is urged to educate themselves, seek medical treatment if required, and remain aware and take reasonable precautions as the epidemic evolves.

Watching the coronavirus outbreak has become an opportunity for concern and questions for many people. No longer is this

At the Community Center

The Senior Lounge and Game Room are closed through Sunday, March 22.

SAGE classes are canceled through Friday, March 13 and are off for spring break next week.

See page 3 for updates on the Senior Nutrition program.

Holy Cross programs are cancelled for the rest of March.

For the latest information visit the city website or call the weather hotline 301-474-0646.

disease something happening in a faraway place, but it has arrived near Greenbelt. On March 10,

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PHOTO BY ANDREW SMITH

Local birders count waterfowl on Big Leap Day. See story page 16.

County and City Encourage 2020 Census Participation

by Todd Turner

Are Prince George's County and Greenbelt residents informed and Census-ready?

By law, every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts every resident in the United States. Your participation determines your federal, state and local representation, and how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed. If our communities are undercounted, we miss out on an estimated \$18,250 per person over a 10-year period in Maryland.

We were undercounted in the last census, and it cost the county \$360 million! Our communities cannot afford that. In 2010, according to the Maryland Department of Planning, the State of Maryland response rate was 76 percent. In Prince George's County, where the response rate was only 74 percent, we experienced an undercount of approximately

20,000 residents, the largest in Maryland. The City of Greenbelt had a 73 percent response rate in 2010 with an undercount of approximately 6,000 residents.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. Yes, it's April Fools' Day, but the census is serious business, and we must make every effort to participate. Prince George's County and the City of Greenbelt are working together on the County's Complete Count Committee to ensure every resident is counted.

Households will start receiving an invitation in the mail to respond as early as March 12. This is the first Census that will be done primarily online or by phone. Please participate as soon as you receive your invitation to respond in the mail.

It's safe. Personal information

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What Goes On

Monday, March 16

7 p.m. ACE Educator Awards and Reception, followed by City Council Closed Session, Municipal Building

Tuesday, March 17

7 p.m. Council Worksession with Prince George's County Department of the Environment on University Square Outfall Improvement Project, Community Center

Wednesday, March 18

8 p.m. Council Worksession with Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

False Premise?

I was concerned by the misinformation in Demond May's letter to the editor, "Largely Unritical" in the March 5 News Review. Much of this letter incorrectly claimed that in the article on my nuclear reactor presentation described in the February 27 News Review, it was asserted that "only one died" from Chernobyl. The article clearly states that only one of the three cited nuclear power accidents caused death from radiation and that was Chernobyl. That is a big difference. In fact, during my presentation, there was considerable discussion on Chernobyl's health effects including the fatalities. Misreading what is clearly written in this article engenders the promulgation of fake information and bias.

With respect to the dangers of nuclear power, facts are better than conjecture. Nuclear power plants have been operating since the 1950s, which is about the same time as commercial jet aircraft. In the U.S., there has never been a single public fatality from nuclear power plants. Between 1959 and 2008, there were 2,030 commercial jet accidents and over 32,000 fatalities worldwide. About 1.8 million deaths from vehicle accidents in the U.S. have occurred over the last 43 years. A 2013 journal article co-authored by the father of CO2 climate change, James Hansen, concluded that global nuclear power has prevented 1.84 million air-pollution-related deaths, as well as preventing the release of 64 Giga tonnes of CO2. Mr. Hansen is a proponent of nuclear power. A recent study of all electric power sources concluded that nuclear is as safe or safer than solar, wind and hydropower. Web sources below.

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iihs.org/topics/fatality-statistics/detail/yearly-snapshot

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Steven Mirsky, PE

Community Visioning And the Environment

Greenbelters care about forests, parks and other green space, but there is a need to articulate exactly what we value and where on the map we have concerns. Currently, the city government is writing a request for proposals (RFP) for a planning document that will be deficient unless the RFP is explicit about the environmental factors to be considered.

The yet-to-be-released RFP is intended to attract a contractor to survey residents with the goal of creating a "community visioning" document. In the town-planning profession, a community-visioning document is a guidebook to the future, a document that the city council could repeatedly refer to when prioritizing projects and formulating plans for various parts of town.

To be successful, this RFP should direct the community-visioning contractor to ask residents the following 10 kinds of environment-related questions:

1. Preservation. Where should the city acquire parkland or forest to contribute to quality of life?

2. Ecological Links. Should the city acquire small parcels that would link larger forests and thereby provide wildlife corridors? In Greenbelt West, there are two stretches of Indian Creek on private property, and they lack the environmental protection given to land along the rest of this major tributary to the Anacostia River. In Greenbelt East, three large city-owned forests lack city-owned wildlife corridors to link them: Mandan Park, Schrom Hills Park and the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve.

3. Walk/Bike Access. Where should neighborhoods and parks be linked together by constructing a pedestrian-and-bike path that is safer, wider and better landscaped than a narrow sidewalk or breakdown lane along a busy road? Both the city and county are in the planning stages for several such projects, but do they cover the highest priority locations and will the plans come to fruition?

4. Viewsheds. Which residential neighborhoods have a scenic view that is in our interest to protect? For example, a number of homes along Ridge Road and Research Road have a commanding view of hundreds of acres of field and forest in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

5. Scenic Roads. Residents should have a chance to say which scenic roads in town are important to them and where improvements would be most beneficial. For example, Crescent Road is the site of the Labor Day parade, a citywide community-building event each year. Yet, the woods along portions of this road are privately owned and lack scenic easements or other environmental protection.

6. Soundscapes. Residents should be asked where in town they are most concerned about noise pollution. Would we mention bird song and rustling leaves deep within the North Woods? If the Capital Beltway or Baltimore-Washington Parkway were widened, where is there danger of unacceptable sound levels?

7. Ecosystem Health. What kinds of concerns do residents have about the health of the local ecosystem and what can be done about it? Should the city do more to test stream-water quality, to slow stormwater runoff into woodland streams, or to monitor forests for overgrazing by deer?

8. Environmental Zoning. Residents should be asked if they have concerns about the zoning of green space or outdoor gathering places such as the Roosevelt Center "festival grounds" the parking lots at the center of Old Greenbelt that host the weekly farmer's market and the Labor Day Festival. Another example: the town's Forest Preserve is not currently zoned "Reserved Open Space" while forests in neighboring towns do have this protective zoning.

9. Programming. Residents should be asked what environment-related volunteer opportunities and events they most value. Such a list would help new residents or anyone seeking to promote the town. Such a list might include the pumpkin walk, community-group tables at the Green Man and Labor Day Festivals, nature hikes led by various groups including Greenbelt Biota,

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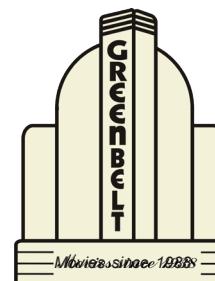
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Sat. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM

Sun. 3:00(OC), 5:30 PM

Mon. 5:30 PM

Tues. 5:30, 8:00 PM

Wed. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM

Thurs. 5:30 PM

Stage on Screen

DAVID HOCKNEY:

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(NR)(1973)(106 mins)

Sun. 8:00 PM

Mon. 1:00 PM

Miyazaki Monday

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(PG)(Japanese w/English subtitles)(2004)(119 mins)

Mon. 8:00 PM

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Thurs. 8:00 PM - Free

Service or Garden Side?



You said the most important thing is that we have fun.

- B. Glee

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Community Events

View Galaxy Through Astronomical Camera

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, March 14 at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see deep sky objects currently high in the sky, such as the Orion Nebula, the Crab Nebula and the Cigar Galaxy, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 8:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

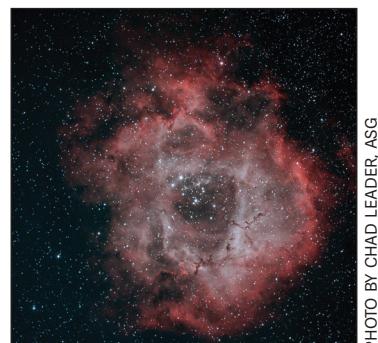


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The Rosette Nebula, as seen from the Greenbelt Observatory.

Senior Nutrition Program Update

Thursday, March 12, between 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - pick up an emergency meal kit (includes 3 non-perishable meals) and double frozen meals (includes 2 frozen meals). Bring a bag for your meals.

Friday, March 13 - lunch program cancelled

Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20 - lunch program cancelled

Reel and Meal Postponed

The Reel and Meal originally scheduled for March 16 has been postponed until further notice because the city manager is encouraging folks over 60 to stay home.

Join Friday Peace Vigils at the Center

Peace vigils happen every Friday at 5 p.m. in Roosevelt Center in front of the Mother and Child statue. Participants share a thought, sing a song or serve a witness for peace in the world with neighbors and friends. For more information, contact John Campanile at jbelltower@yahoo.com.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent on things that matter." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Debate Watch Party

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is co-sponsoring a Debate Watch Party (Senator Bernie Sanders, former vice president Joe Biden) on Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant. The address is 10601 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway in Bowie.

Celebrate Greenbelt Through HUG Walk

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is again organizing the Help Unite Greenbelt (HUG) Walk to be held on Sunday, March 29 (rain or shine).

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in this event, joining the walk in any of the Greenbelt neighborhoods noted below and continuing through the city. RUAK requests that any and all groups and individuals from the community co-sponsor this no-cost event, spread the word and join their neighbors to celebrate Greenbelt as a special warm and welcoming place to call home. (There are already over 40 co-sponsors including social, civic and religious groups.)

The HUG Walk Schedule: 1 p.m., gathering at the Indian Creek Trail bridge (Greenbelt Station); 1:30 p.m., walk starts; 2 p.m., join the walk at Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

Any group that wishes to co-sponsor this event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by Friday, March 13. Further details of the Walk will be included in the Greenbelt News Review in an upcoming issue prior to the event.

Writers Group Resumes After Winter Hiatus

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All interested writers are invited to attend. There will be time to hear about all the writing done since the holiday party last December. Of course, open readings will be held. Come and bring something to read or just join in the conversation. The group has recently obtained a small supply of many of the anthologies that have been produced by the group over the years. These will be available for purchase at the meeting. Come help plan the new season. For questions, contact Barbara Ford at barb.ford@comcast.net.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m. Come join a discussion of *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Radden Keefe. Pick up a copy of the book at the library to read before this date.

Storytime on Screen

Second and fourth Mondays, (next up, March 23), 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring a baby, toddler or preschooler to the Old Greenbelt Theatre to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required.

Teen Board

Weekly on Mondays at 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the library a great place for teens. Meet new people, become a leader. Registration is required. For further information, contact the library either in person or by calling 301-345-5800, option 2.

English Club

Weekly, Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

Ready 2 Read

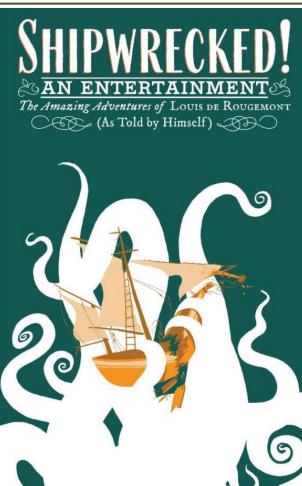
Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursdays, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s).

Kids Club

Thursdays, 4 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades 1 through 6. Ayuda con las tareas y práctica de la lectura para los estudiantes en los grados de 1 al 6. Service will be provided during half-hour sessions by appointment only; call the library to register at 301-345-5800, option 2.



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Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center

April 17 – May 3 - The Children's Hour

May 15 – 31 - Arcadia

Golden Agers Prepare For Anniversary Lunch

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club is planning its big annual anniversary luncheon in April. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at the Holiday Inn in College Park. This is the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the club, thought to be the oldest senior club in Prince George's County.

Last year, singer Stephanie Dailey and Company put on a wonderful show highlighting Broadway hit tunes over the years. She received a standing ovation. Stephanie is coming back with a new show – Hooray for Hollywood.

The luncheon is open to all seniors. Members of the Golden Age Club whose dues are paid by the end of March can receive a discount for the luncheon, so this is a wonderful time to join or rejoin the club. The lunch options are your choice of salmon or terrapin chicken with all the fixings, including dessert. Joan Baker will be collecting money for the luncheon at the Golden Age weekly meetings, which are held every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. For more information, contact Joan_Baker@verizon.net.

Golden Age Club will not meet next Wednesday, March 18.

WSSC Community Meeting on March 24

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will hold an information meeting on Tuesday, March 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. WSSC representatives will discuss the water main replacement project along Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and 58th Avenue. Any person with special needs or requiring special assistance should contact Mr. Bhutan Basnet at 301-206-7946.

Zoning and Greenbelt

Chad Williams, master planner of the Countywide Planning Division of M-NCPPC, will be speaking at the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation public meeting on Tuesday, March 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114. His topic is the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) that will affect Old Greenbelt, in particular Roosevelt Center and Greenbelt Homes Inc. Those with questions should come and get their questions answered.

ERHS Closed March 12 and 13

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will be closed on Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13 for cleaning and sanitizing.



GATE Annual Membership Meeting Sunday March 15th at 3pm

Join us at City Council Chambers, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD for our Annual Membership Meeting!

The Meeting includes a recap of last year's events at GATE and voting for new board members.

Refreshments will be served.

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Program Schedule Friday Mar 13 - Thursday Mar 19

7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Independent Global News
9 am	GATE Classic Film ★ Drama/Melodrama • 1947	• Black Narcissus • Deborah Kerr • Kathleen Byron Made Possible by a Grant from ★ Maria Silvia Miller ★
11 am	Greenbelt Discussions	• Local Topics & Guests
12 pm	Greenbelt Newsreel	• Community Events • Weekly Updates
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Time Bank Mardi Gras



PHOTO BY CARRIE DIKE

Greenbelt Time Bank members and prospective members celebrate Mardi Gras with a community gathering at Springhill Lake Community Center on February 25.

Full Moon over Birdbath



PHOTO BY STEPHEN KEARNEY

Full moon over birdbath in 11 Court Ridge gardenside

GIVES Quarterly Meeting, March 21

GIVES stands for Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. The goal is to help one another – giving a ride, helping with yard work occasionally, assisting with a sewing project.

Come to the GIVES quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. Learn how one can receive assistance when needed and give assistance to others who need it from time to time.



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March 15 10 a.m.
A Vision for Paint Branch



Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen; with worship associate Jeri Holloway and the Choir
Rev. Rachel talks about her vision for our Paint Branch community. Have you ever been to the Lower Level of the Meeting House? We invite you on a field trip to see what it looks like; and to dream of what it could be. A video and photographs will be available for those who would rather experience it from the Foyer.

Worship with us at

Greenbelt Baptist Church



Sunday School Worship Service Evening Service

9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm

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301-474-4212

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Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Summer Peace Camp

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ is sponsoring a series of Agape Soup Meals and Lenten Scriptures Study on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Agape meals are “a meal of love eaten by Christians as a token of brotherly [sisterly] love” (Merriam-Webster). A freewill offering will be collected.

Lent is celebrated as a time to fast or sacrifice while reflecting on the sacrifices and struggles of Jesus. During this time scripture shows us the many ways that Jesus communicated with God, seeking God’s will for his life.

Some are trying to find more time in their busy lives to study, pray and experience God by studying the examples of Jesus to see what God is asking people to do in their lives. On Wednesdays through April 1 the church will provide an Agape Soup Meal from 6 to 7 p.m. This year’s theme will be Living in the Light, which follows the Lenten Sunday lectionary readings.

The celebration of Lent has changed over the centuries and the diversity of people seeking God’s meaning in their lives has expanded. A lot of exciting things are going on in faith communities and personal lives. Do a simple web search, go to an Agape Meal, visit faith communities, or speak to family and friends as possible activities to celebrate Lent and prepare for Easter.

For more information and to register or volunteer, visit lffp.org or contact littlefriendsforpeace@lffp.org.



We extend birthday greetings to Councilmember Emmett Jordan who celebrated the event on March 10.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.
editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com

Sucher Memorial Service Postponed

The memorial service planned for Greenbelter Joseph Sucher, professor of physics at the University of Maryland, on Sunday, March 15 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. has been postponed indefinitely in response to the coronavirus outbreak. An announcement will be made when the service is rescheduled.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.
You cannot save yourself.

The Bible Says...

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:35



Sunday Worship Services
10am @ Greenbelt Elementary School
MCFcc.org

Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Road,
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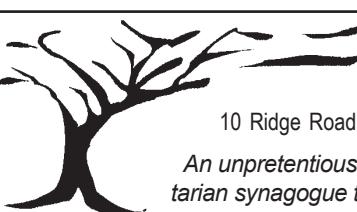
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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

STAY UP TO DATE ON COVID-19 INFORMATION

Dear Neighbor,
While the County Health and Emergency Management officials are leading the COVID-19 response effort, the City of Greenbelt employees are dedicated to serving you as this situation unfolds. The City has been working to plan continued operations in the event that COVID-19 impacts Greenbelt employees, vendors, or community partners. City employees work hard every day and have successfully overcome past emergencies like severe weather. With your help we can minimize the potential impact.

TAKE CARE

- Take time to review the County Health Fact Sheet available at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/covid19.
- Wash your hands. Use sanitizer if you do not have water. Cough into a tissue, your sleeve or elbow.
- Stay at home if you are ill and present symptoms like fever, coughing, or other respiratory symptoms. Call ahead to the doctor before you go.
- Be courteous to neighbors as we try to keep each other healthy. City employees are being asked to not come in if they are sick. Before coming into City facilities or having a staff visit, please let City staff know if you recently traveled to a CDC-listed country or high risk area of concern, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have been asked to quarantine or self-quarantine.
- The County has suggested that people with chronic health conditions identified by the County Health Department such as diabetes, heart or lung disease, stay home as Covid-19 is much more dangerous for them. Seniors are also more seriously affected and it has been suggested, but not yet required, that those over 60 years of age also stay home.
- The City has not cancelled events as of yet but is monitoring health department guidance. Coordination is underway to ensure that senior meals programs continue. If you go to the Community Center meals program, information will be provided directly to you at the Center, and on all City communication sites.
- Prepare an emergency plan for yourself and family-this includes making sure that family members have your emergency contacts and important phone numbers; have supplies such as water, food and toiletries to last for several days, longer if you are able. This includes prescriptions and pet supplies.

STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for Greenbelt Alerts at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/alerts to receive messages from the City by phone and/or email. Monitor the City's website at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/covid19. City's social media accounts at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt and twitter.com/cityofgreenbelt will post up to date closure, cancellation and health information as it becomes available. Announcements will also be posted on the City's Municipal Access Channel, Verizon 21 and Comcast 71 & 996.

Visit Prince George's County webpage for additional emergency information as the County Health Department and Emergency Operations leaders are heading the Countywide response.

While the Federal, State, and County agencies take the lead in addressing this health emergency and providing direction to municipalities, City employees will do our part to help keep our community safe. The Public Information Office will issue any official City statements for the City. The County Health Fact Sheet, subsequent County statements, and numerous informational links are posted on the City website. Residents and businesses can also visit the County website, call the County COVID-19 hotline at 301-883-6627 or 3-1-1.

FINANCIAL/COUNSELING/SUPPLIES

Residents experiencing financial distress can contact Greenbelt CARES to learn more about resources like the community emergency relief funds and counseling services. CARES can also connect residents to supplies and services like adult and baby diapers, senior meals, and other services.

RECREATION/CLASSES/SPECIAL EVENTS

The City continues to monitor Health Department and County Emergency Management guidance given the range of classes and special events offered in Greenbelt. At this time, no cancellations are planned. That may change, particularly for special populations, like our senior citizens and for large community events. The City follows the Prince George's County opening and delay announcements, however in this situation, closure or cancellation may come via County Health Department direction. **Please check the City website or call the inclement weather hotline, 301-474-0646.**

In the interim, individuals desiring class or room reservation refunds will receive such refunds. If desired, a credit will be provided to those who request one. The same will hold if the City is ordered to close recreation facilities or cancel events.

BUSINESSES

Businesses are encouraged to share the County fact sheet with their employees. Business owners needing assistance are encouraged to contact the City Manager's Office to connect with the economic development support. Call 301-474-8000 or email .

MEETINGS

The City is exploring which community meetings may need to be rescheduled or cancelled. This may include the need for certain officials to teleconference in to help continue City business. Meetings will continue to be advertised and open to the public. Yet for public safety, it may be necessary for some to be postponed.

Please report rumors to the City Manager's Office via Public Information Office at 240-542-2026 or info@greenbeltdmd.gov. The County government and City Public Information Office will be official sources of information. The virus is impacting people around the globe of all walks of life. Greenbelt's Community Pledge is relevant now more than ever- we are a community of people living in the spirit of cooperation. As always, let us work together to be kind, neighborly Greenbelters.

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MEETINGS FOR MARCH 16-20

Monday, March 16 at 7:00pm, ACE EDUCATOR AWARDS AND RECEPTION at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv

Monday, March 16 at 8:30pm, CLOSED SESSION (see notice below)

Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00pm, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY MEETING ON UNIVERSITY SQUARE OUTFALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. For more information please contact Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417 or thruby@greenbeltdmd.gov

Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30pm, PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Agenda will be posted at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Appointment of Vice Chair, and Updates on Planning Projects and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

Wednesday, March 18 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Friends of the Greenbelt Museum at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv

Thursday, March 19 at 7:30pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB) in the Clubhouse at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. On the Agenda: Community Feedback, Referral from Council – Greenbelt Residents who Celebrate their 100th Birthday, Referral from Council – Community Clean-up Program.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held, call 301-474-8000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, in the Library of the Municipal Building at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the evaluation of the City Manager.

**The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 8:30 pm. Bonita Anderson, City Clerk*

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee.

For more information call 301-474-8000

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In a mid-play fantasy, **Fashion Lad** (Danny Zolt, in red) yearns for the days when superheroes smiled and dressed in bright colors. From left, Ani Arzoumanian, Mecca Lartigue and Zoe Larsen display superhero posters created by **George (Mister Geo) Kochell**.

at 2 and 7 p.m.

The 34 teen actors played roles initially created in a previous musical by Cherry called "The School for Superheroes Presents Orlando Furioso." They reprise superhero characters with unlikely abilities like Captain Dance, Classics Kid and Copy Cat, who belong to a School for Superheroes that has been closed by the oppressive Regime.

As the play opens, Cherry said, the characters exist in a state where "an authoritarian ruler has taken power and required all citizens to follow him on social media." Meeting in the boarded-up remains of their school, they discover and stage a play about Theseus which they hope will "reopen the realm of storytime, rescue their missing comrades and galvanize support for democracy," said Cherry.

The Theseus play sets the grand myth alongside modern comedic touches. Theseus, who was credited with being the founder of democracy and is its symbolic protector, said Cherry, discovers his divine parentage from the god Poseidon and uses that strength to survive the dreaded minotaur and his deadly maze, political intrigue and a trip to the Underworld, and to rise to become an instrument of freedom and inclusion.

Senior Sean Brittan-Powell, from DeMatha Catholic High School, who plays Theseus/Nice Guy, has participated in the Greenbelt youth musicals for five years, saying that he "loves the community it creates." As Theseus, he dove into this compassionate and romantic role where he is required to play the warrior, dedicated friend and eventual leader. He said that this "has been my favorite play that I've done."

Senior Danny Zolt, from Wye River Upper School, cast as Fashion Lad/Hexitratus, has done so many musicals that it is a blur. He said this musical is "extraordinary" with amazing songs and lots of intrigue and cool moments. His roles embodied both dramatic aplomb and conniving sneakiness.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Ezra Pitts said that the cast experience is "like a family." He plays Party Boy/Pirithous, both roles delivered with robust, energetic comedy. His part was often at the center of the play's humorous moments.



Prince Pirithous (Ezra Pitts, right) presents a divine rose to **Persephone**, Queen of the Underworld (Madeline Hille).

- Photos by Scott Crawford

There were several funny scenes where he spars with the didactic and exasperating Literature Lass, played by Madeline Hille, who is his complete opposite.

Some of the comedic high points of the show were a song by Zolt, as Fashion Boy, where he espouses his relish for Lycra, the go-to costume of superheroes, and a raucous, apolitical party, done to foil some Regime agents, which pokes fun at current political partisanship.

The songs were a mixture of touching ballads and rollicking fun, performed confidently by the cast and backed solidly by pianist and musical director Stefan Brodd, who collaborated with Cherry. They were joined often with graceful and jazzy choreography by Elta Goldstein.

Nicole DeWald was the production designer. The appealing sets and props, while minimal, were used in an effective and creative manner. The costuming was colorful and apropos to the characters.

Robin Pitts, mother of cast members Ezra and Viola, said that Cherry's productions are "a well-oiled machine." She said that "parents in Greenbelt love Chris Cherry," for the experience he offers every year. Through it, participants learn to be professional

and have respect for the project and each other. She remarked on the many alumni performers who return to help each year.

Regarding the opening night performance, Cherry said that "the weeks of dedicated work of cast members and stagecraft artisans flowered in a beautiful performance. I'm proud of every member of the cast and crew, and I'm grateful for the tremendous support from the Greenbelt community."



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A Review

On the Art of Mind Reading

by Julie Rapp

Michael Jons, a self-described mind reader and psychic entertainer, brought his thought-provoking, interactive show to Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) the weekend of March 6 to 8. The audience was treated to an evening of often hilarious and clever tricks with his modern take on the art of mind reading. Jons has been entertaining audiences with his psychic powers since 2014 first in Fort Lauderdale and then at the Four Seasons Hotel in D.C.

Jons began by asking audience participants to write on a card something embarrassing or perhaps wicked that they had experienced, which was then dropped into the "Box of Shame." Later in the show Jons proved his mind-reading skill by reaching into the box with a comical flair, picking out a card and humorously reading out loud the embarrassing moment or shameful action of an audience member. He then canvassed the audience and finally settled on one person who eventually owned up to the card being theirs. He continued to demonstrate his intriguing abilities to read, influence and predict

thoughts by engaging audience members in games using cards, pictures, envelopes and boxes highlighting techniques that utilize a mixture of intuition and human psychology.

With his remarkable feats of persuasion, Jons demonstrated how easily minds can be controlled at times when people think they are making a decision using their own free will. He warned the audience to be aware of mind manipulation techniques used every day by advertisers, politicians, clergy and nefarious types on social media. His recommendation to combat this intrusion is to employ what he calls "kindergarten rules."

The King of "Cartomancers," as he describes himself, closed the show by using a deck of cards to predict the future. He accurately guessed the card each audience member was holding and had a highly intuitive and thought-provoking interpretation of each card.

For information on future shows coming to the GAC visit greenbelartscenter.org or call 301-441-8770.

SCAC Seeks New Members To Fill Existing Vacancies

Greenbelt's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) is one of 14 volunteer committees created by the Greenbelt City Council. SCAC's mission is to recommend to the council certain actions relating to Greenbelt's senior citizen community. SCAC members hope that providing a short description of the activities of the committee will pique people's interest enough to apply for membership. The SCAC currently needs new members to fill two existing vacancies.

SCAC actions may pertain to recreational offerings, social and cultural needs, housing, transportation, financial security and physical and mental health concerns. On several occasions, SCAC recommendations enacted by the council have benefitted many more residents than just senior citizens.

Serving as a member of the SCAC requires a relatively small commitment of time. SCAC typi-

cally meets on the last Tuesday of nine months (all except June, July and December) for approximately 90 minutes, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Any adult resident of Greenbelt, regardless of age, can volunteer to become a member of the SCAC. To do so, simply call Greenbelt City Clerk Bonita Anderson at 301-474-8000. As an incentive for attracting and retaining its volunteers, members of the SCAC, or any other city-sponsored advisory committee, are eligible to receive a discount at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

For more information concerning the SCAC's activities, email Staff Liaison Rebekah Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltd.gov. Finally, all residents are welcome to attend a SCAC monthly meeting, to observe or participate in discussions. The next SCAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 111 of the Community Center.

A Hundred Wild Things
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Owen A. Kelley

Women's History Month

Democratic Club Celebrates Women's Right to Vote

by Konrad Herling

Last month, the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club (EFRDC) honored U.S. black history with a powerful film about the all-black, all-female troop that delivered millions of letters to American troops in Europe in World War II. This month, local Democrats will honor the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote.

On Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m., the club will hear personal perspectives from Delegate Nicole Williams and Delegate Anne Healey. The club also hopes to secure State Senator Joanne Benson to speak. They will be addressing the key theme of "what the right to vote means to me."

The club is also reaching out to outstanding local women to acknowledge their contributions to the Greenbelt community. The club will also have material available about the history of the movement. Women may wear white, as congresswomen did at the State of the Union event.

The club is also committed to voter registration and has been working to this end for the last few Saturdays at Beltway Plaza, largely due to the effort of club Vice President Katy Pape.

To help in these efforts or for more information, contact club President Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

Konrad Herling is the president of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.



PHOTO BY RACQUEL KELLER

Community members of all ages enjoy making postcards with Artist in residence Racquel Keller for Women's History Month at the monthly Community Art Drop-in at the Community Center on March 1.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN KEARNEY

Dusk at 11 Court Ridge Road

Women's History Month

Film Celebrates WWII Efforts Of First African American WACs

by Lois Rosado

On Monday, March 9, Greenbelters celebrated Women's History Month at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. It was also a celebration of women veterans who served in World War II. American history is generally silent about the role women played in World Wars I and II. This is why the lessons learned at the film screening on Monday were profound.

The film, The Six Triple Eight, is the story of the Women's Army Corps 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. The Six Triple Eight was the only all African American Women's Army Corps unit sent overseas during World War II. The Women's Army Corps (WAC) was an outgrowth of the Women's Auxiliary Corps, which worked with soldiers but did not receive benefits and could not be sent overseas. The WAC was formed in 1943 to be sent overseas, and received the pay and benefits of a soldier, although probably not equal pay or benefits.

Americans were clamoring to serve their country after it was attacked at Pearl Harbor in 1941, and African American men and women also wanted to contribute. It was Mary McLeod Bethune, the founder of Bethune-Cookman College, and Eleanor Roosevelt who advocated for African American women to be part of the WAC. Eight hundred fifty-five women were selected to be part of the Six Triple Eight. Their commander was Charity Adams Early, a black woman.

In February 1945, the Six Triple Eight was deployed to



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

Mayor Colin Byrd presents a Proclamation for Women's History Month to Indiana Hunt Martin, a WWII veteran from the 6888th Battalion.

Europe to clear the approximately two-year backlog of mail for the nearly seven million members of the U.S. military, government personnel and Red Cross workers serving in the European Theater of Operations. Their first assignment was in Birmingham, England.

They faced racism, sexism and worked in austere conditions. Imagine having to process a backlog of more than 17 million pieces of mail and packages that had been warehoused for over two years. They had to have encountered all sorts of filth, mold and vermin. Working three shifts daily and processing approximately 65,000 pieces per

shift they completed the task in three months, then were relocated to Rouen and Paris, France, where they continued clearing the mail backlog while adhering to their motto, "No Mail, Low Morale." Within six months they had finished the entire job.

Elizabeth Helm-Frazer, one of the film's producers, led a question-answer session after the screening. She introduced Indiana Hunt Martin, a veteran from this battalion who is now nearly 100 years old, and Stanley Early, the son of the battalion's commander. Mayor Colin Byrd presented a Proclamation to them on behalf of the city.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 19, 2020

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – starts at 7.00 p.m.

- Approve Motion to Conduct an Executive Session Meeting on March 19, 2020

B. GHI Executive Session Meeting – starts after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns

- Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting held on February 20, 2020
- Discuss Member Financial Matters
- Discuss a Member Complaint Matter

C. GHI Open Session Meeting - starts at 7.45 p.m.

- Announcement of Executive Session Meeting held on March 19, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Session Meeting held on February 20, 2020
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Session Meeting held on February 20, 2020
- Long-Range Planning Committee Recommendation re: Revenue-Generating Options for GHI
- Investment Committee 2019 Report
- Member Responses re: Proposed Installation of Light Fixtures in the Common Area Between 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Rd



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Interfaith Network Meeting Hosted at Mishkan Torah

by Mary Moien

On February 27, Mishkan Torah Synagogue hosted a meeting of the Beloved Community Interfaith Network (BCIN). The BCIN was established in 2016 by concerned people of various faiths in Prince George's County to discuss and address social justice and human rights issues within the county, the nation and the world. Monthly meetings are held at various faith communities and places of worship across the county.

Many BCIN members were in attendance, including Vijay Parameshwaran, Bill Orleans, Marj Donn and Robert Goldberg-Strassler. Rabbi Saul Oresky, Nancy Solomon and others from Mishkan Torah also participated. Parameshwaran serves as the group's facilitator.

Rabbi Nina Cardin, the main presenter at this meeting, is working at the intersection of faith and environmentalism. Her current project is getting the Environmental Rights Amendment added to the Maryland State Constitution. This amendment would guarantee the right to a healthy and healthful environment.

Cardin is a community rabbi working in the environmental field. She indicated that "the environment is my ministry." Her own entry into the field came through re-examining the first and second chapters of the Book of Genesis on how people should interact with the environment. Whereas Genesis Chapter 1 is on the idea of "dominating" the land, Chapter 2 is more focused on the idea of working to protect the earth, contributing to the verdant nature of the land.

Then Cardin described her

advocacy efforts to introduce an amendment to the Maryland State Constitution which puts in place a right to a healthy and healthful environment; that is, preserving the environment and the health of those who live in it, addressing both public health and environmental justice issues. Several countries throughout the world, and a few states, already have such a provision in their constitutions.

Cardin has been working with a coalition of advocates for this amendment. The coalition is led by Waterkeepers Chesapeake. However, for 2020, the Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee has chosen not to bring this amendment to a vote, but is planning to reintroduce the bill in 2021. Cardin is working toward having local resolutions passed in city and county councils in support of this amendment, and has encouraged BCIN and others to continue talking to elected officials and others to help gain support for the amendment when the legislature meets for 2021. To learn more about this endeavor, contact Cardin at nina@waterkeeperschesapeake.org.

The next BCIN meeting is on Tuesday, March 17 at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi. There will be short presentations by Tony Langbehn of Maryland United for Peace and Justice (mupj.org) and Samir Durvasula of Sadhana (sadhana.org).

All are welcome to attend. For more information on BCIN contact belovedcommunity.pgccounty@gmail.com.



Daffodils bloom along Hanover Parkway.

Musical-Historical Partnership Collaborates on Film "The City"

by Susan Pearl

A new partnership (the Prince George's Philharmonic, the Old Greenbelt Theatre, and the Greenbelt Museum) is highlighting the early days of Greenbelt during the month of March. These three organizations are collaborating on various aspects of the classic documentary film *The City* and the music that renowned American composer Aaron Copland created as its score.

This film was commissioned for the 1939 New York World's Fair; a major part of *The City* was filmed in Greenbelt, as an example of the utopian planned community movement.

On its open Sundays through

March, the Greenbelt Museum will show Greenbelt as it was in 1939, giving visitors the opportunity to look through local newspapers of that year, and to experience the memories of people who lived in Greenbelt in 1939. And on the evening of Thursday, March 19, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will screen *The City* (8 p.m., admission free), with commentary on Copland's musical score presented by Maestro Jesus Manuel Berard, music director of the Prince George's Philharmonic.

Then on Saturday, March 28 at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m. the concert by the Philharmonic will

feature the Copland music written for *The City* as well as his music for two other films: *Of Mice and Men* (1939) and *Our Town* (1940) – for both of which Copland received honors and awards. The concert will include a new work by a local composer and conclude with Jan Sibelius' monumental *Symphony No. 2*.

Information on tickets for the concert can be found at pgphilharmonic.org

Join us at the museum, the theater and the concert hall, and celebrate Greenbelt through history, film, and music!



Prince George's Philharmonic

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The Greenbelt Uke Ensemble gives a recital at the Community Center under the direction of Rachel Cross on March 5.

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Greenbelt Federal Credit Union Annual Membership Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: 15 Crescent Rd
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Meeting Room 201

Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

See In Colors' Nelson is New Goldman Sachs Member

Greenbelt resident Lisa Nelson, the founder and CEO of See In Colors, is now officially a Goldman Sachs Small Business Alumni. This innovative program focuses on small business owners and their companies across the U.S. as an investment in the future.

Business owners who have graduated from the program consistently show growth both in their profit margins and the jobs that they can offer in the wider community. Now, Nelson is a part of this group that has created jobs across the nation, promoted entrepreneurial thinking outside the box and amplified the U.S. small business community. Nelson commented that "the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program was a blessing at the right time. This program gave me time, structure and a support system to step back and work on my business, instead of in the business. I am excited about scaling my business, serving our customers in a bigger way and giving back to the community."

See In Colors is a visual communications company that focuses on the big picture that lies beyond mere numbers and words. It offers companies a new perspective and a unique focus on drawing out information into



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Lisa Nelson, founder and CEO of See In Colors

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Delegates to both parties' national conventions.

Although April 28 may still seem rather far down the road, April 7, the deadline for registering to vote or changing one's political party for the primaries is just around the corner.

Registering/Changing Party

As with any election, Greenbelters who are not already registered to vote at their residence address or who need to make corrections to their voting information must do so by the registration deadline of April 7 if they wish to vote in the primary.

In a primary election, that deadline can also serve another purpose for some individuals. In Maryland, persons who are 17 years of age may vote in the primary if they will turn 18 by November 3, the day of the General Election, and if they have registered by April 7 to vote in the primary as members of the Democratic or Republican Party.

Why Change Party?

Why must voters be registered as Democrats or Republicans to vote in the primary election? By federal law, the two major parties are required to hold primaries to select their candidates, and in the majority of states the parties choose to let only their own members vote to make those choices. Voters registered as independents or with other political parties can cast votes only in nonpartisan races, typically for county school board, that may appear on the primary ballot. Since Greenbelt's school board

representative is now mid-term, there are no nonpartisan issues for voters on the ballot this year.

Nonetheless, until the April 7 deadline, voters may choose to change their party affiliation if they are not registered as Democrats or Republicans or if they would prefer to vote in the primary of the opposite party. If they wish to return to their original party prior to the November 3 election, they must do so by changing their registration again by the October 13 registration deadline for the General Election.

How to Register

The options for registering or changing registration information have remained the same for several years. The voter registration form can be used either for a new registration or for changing an address, a name or a political party affiliation on an existing registration. The process can be completed entirely online by using Maryland's Online Registration System on the State Board of Elections website at elections.maryland.gov. If preferred, one can also print a registration form from the same website and mail or take it to the Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774.

A registration form may be requested by phone from the county by calling 301-341-7300 and asking to have it mailed. Forms can also be picked up at the city clerk's office in the Greenbelt Municipal Building and then mailed by the applicant to

the county board office. One can register or change information in person at the Board of Elections office in Largo. While forms may also be returned to Motor Vehicle Administration offices, there are sometimes delays in information reaching the Board of Elections via this method.

Registration forms being returned by mail to the county board office must be postmarked no later than April 7. Forms returned in person to the county board office must arrive by 4:30 p.m. on April 7. Registration online must be completed no later than 9 p.m. on April 7.

To be eligible to register to vote in Prince George's County, a person must be a U.S. citizen; at least 16 years of age; a resident of the county; either not have been convicted of a felony or have completed serving a court-ordered term of imprisonment, including any required parole or probation; and not be under guardianship for mental disability.

Other Important Dates

Options for voting will be covered in a future article, but dates to be aware of include the following: Early Voting will be conducted from April 16 through April 23. Voting absentee requires requesting an absentee ballot no later than April 21 to have it mailed to you or sent by fax; or by April 24 to download it from the Maryland State website. The form for requesting the ballot can be printed from the state website or provided by mail from the county board by calling 301-341-7300.



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is confidential by law. Disclosure of personal data is subject to a \$250,000 fine and/or five years' imprisonment.

It's easy. One can complete the census online, by phone or by mail. You can respond in 13 different languages via phone or online.

It's important. Census data provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds which helps to fund our roads, schools, hospitals, Medicaid and many other programs, including Head Start.

Complete the Census 2020 survey for everyone present in

the household as soon as the census form arrives this month. We encourage all residents, neighbors and community members to join us, and complete the forms by April 1, 2020. Every Prince Georgian and Greenbelt resident must be counted!

For more information, visit PGCensus2020.org, and don't forget to participate as soon as the invitation arrives in the mail.

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Todd Turner is chair of the Prince George's County Council and District 4 Councilmember representing Greenbelt.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Theft

February 26, 1:12 p.m., 7708 Hanover Parkway. A man grabbed a cell phone from the hands of a man walking on the sidewalk and fled on foot.

February 27, 8:05 p.m., 7541 block Greenbelt Road. A man entered Starbucks, took another person's coffee mug and two tumbler-type mugs and fled on foot.

Injured Person

March 3, 9 p.m., 7800 block Emily Way. Officers responded to a report of juveniles fighting and found that when the caller was approached by a group of juveniles and attempted to run away, he fell and injured himself. He was transported to Doctors Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Fraud

February 26, 9:30 a.m., 7474 Greenway Center Drive. A woman lost her wallet, which contained credit cards that were used later to make unauthorized purchases.

March 3, 5:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man passed a counterfeit bill at Belway Plaza Hardware.

Burglary

February 28, 11:30 p.m., 9111 Springhill Lane. Two purses and a wallet were removed from a residence by way of an unlocked front door.

March 4, 11:26 p.m., 7501 Greenway Center Drive. Surveillance footage showed an older man break out a window at Uptown Deli, enter the business and remove money from a register.

Vandalism

February 28, 7:39 a.m., 6204 Breezewood Drive. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

March 2, 11 a.m., Greenbelt Station Parkway near Miner Street. Graffiti was spray-painted on a barrier fence.

Vehicle Crime

A black 4-door 2012 Nissan Altima with Maryland tags WTZGOOD was taken from 6301 Golden Triangle Drive on March 3.

Tags were taken from three vehicles. Two tags, D.C.

FW5691, were taken from 6500 block Capitol Drive on February 28. Rear Maryland tag 5CX8500 was taken March 3 from 2 Parkway and a front tag on March 4 from 22 Parkway.

On February 28, the owner of a vehicle in the 9200 block Springhill Lane saw another man enter his vehicle, which was unlocked, take a backpack and flee.

On February 29, a woman's purse was taken from her unlocked vehicle while she was pumping gas at the BP station. Surveillance footage showed it was taken by a man wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, who fled with it in a blue Volkswagen SUV.

A rock was used in the 9100 block Springhill Lane to break out a rear windshield.

Police Seek Help

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating critical missing person Kailyn Brianna Hall-Montague, pictured below. Hall-Montague, 15, was last seen at her residence in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway on Saturday, March 7 at approximately 11:30 p.m. She is described as black, 5'7", 230 pounds, with brown eyes and dark brown hair. There is no clothing description, but she may be wearing gray suede slippers. She is said to suffer from anxiety and depression and does not have her medication. Anyone with information is asked to contact the police at 301-474-7200.



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

Kailyn Brianna Hall-Montague

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.



Join the Greenbelt Museum, the Old Greenbelt Theatre, and the Prince George's Philharmonic this month.

Visit 'Greenbelt in 1939' at the Greenbelt Museum, Sundays through March. See 'The City' (filmed in Greenbelt in 1939) 8 pm, March 19 at OGT, with comments by Maestro Berard on Aaron Copland's score for the film. Hear the Prince George's Philharmonic 7:30 pm, March 28, Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, playing Copland's music from The City and other films.

Cub Scouts Visit Police



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

Pack 202 visits Greenbelt Police Department during February. According to the police department, the scouts came to talk about personal safety and the importance of being a good citizen. At the end of the visit some of the scouts received 'belt loops,' which are given out in recognition of completing specific tasks and achievements.

17th Annual Arthritis Walk

Organized by Arthritis & Pain Associates of PG County 301-345-5600

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A cherry tree blooms outside the Co-op.

Letters continued

Earth Day worksessions and park clean-up days.

10. Environmental History. Many residents have a sense that our town is special because of the environmental ideals of the New Deal's "Green Belt Town" program and the Garden City movement that inspired it. The community-visioning contractor should ask how our awareness of town history influences our aspirations for its future.

Owen Kelley
Molly Lester

Time Extended

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to Girl Scout Troop 23007's collection of pet supplies for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and the Prince George's County Animal Shelter. We are extending the deadline until Sunday, March 29 to give everyone a little more time to help the animals in our area who

City Notes

Animal Control impounded one cat, received another, and one dog was adopted. Now sheltered are four cats, a kitten and a leopard gecko in foster care. The gecko is recovering well and will be returning to the shelter for adoption soon. Finally (gardeners, avert your eyes), a sick mole was impounded and transported for rehabilitation. WAGS (Well-wishers for the Animals of Greenbelt Shelter) met to discuss events for 2020.

Public Works and Recreation Department participated in a conference call to discuss emergency preparedness for COVID-19.

Refuse/Recycling collected 24.79 tons of refuse and 11.36 tons of recyclable material.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted Special Olympics swim practice.

These groups were provided free space for their meetings: Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Concert Band, Greenbelt MakerSpace, Greenbelt Black History Month Committee, Greenbelt Pottery, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 23023, Greenbelt Community Foundation, Belle Point Home Owners Association, Greenbelt Arts Center and Greenbelt Unplugged.

Senior Nutrition served 97 hot meals the week ending March 6.

are waiting for their new home. The list of items needed by the shelters can be found at <https://bit.ly/3boS2dx>. Collection points are the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket (box at the front of the store); the Troop Leader's house at 8-D Ridge Road, Greenbelt; a Troop parents' house at 6303 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights; or a Troop parent's house at 4102 Oliver Street, Hyattsville. Leave donations at homes on the front porch. If you have any questions, contact GSTroop23007@gmail.com, or Holly Wheeler, troop leader, 301-801-1147.

Girl Scout Troop 23007

UMD's Diamondback Stops Publication

The latest sad, depressing, unfortunate tragedy strikes journalism, college newspapers, newspapers in general and the media in general: The Diamondback, the student newspaper at the University of Maryland at College Park, publishes its last print edition after 110 years of print editions.

This is sad and tragic for The Diamondback, for newspapers, for college newspapers, for the University of Maryland at College Park, for Maryland, for journalism, for the media, for all of us. The truth is that there should be print editions of all newspapers. That's not being nostalgic. Print is different from online, and it's often better than online in many ways, to put it simply. Hopefully, some rich and financially-secure donors - corporations, companies, foundations, philanthropists, blue-bloods, politicians, publishers, alumni, donors, funders, advertisers, sponsors, businesses, businessmen - can come through and keep The Diamondback in print. It's important for every newspaper to have a print edition and The Diamondback should have a print edition.

Matt Neufeld

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Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced that the county confirmed its first three positive cases of novel coronavirus, COVID-19. One case was confirmed March 9, she said, and two were confirmed the next day. Alsobrooks outlined the actions the county government has taken to prepare for this situation. She said that the county urges "residents to remain calm and to stay informed, as Prince George's County is prepared and well-equipped to handle this." What are some important things Greenbelters need to know about the coronavirus?

During Tuesday night's council meeting (March 10), City Manager Nicole Ard noted that the city had already stepped up its sanitizing procedures around city buildings and noted that senior activities were most likely to be affected by cancellations. She encouraged residents to check the city's website for updated information - especially for senior classes. She noted that state and county governments were in the lead on decision making but confirmed that all senior meals programs operating in the city would continue to operate at this time.

Vulnerability

The mortality rate and susceptibility to infection are both age related, with small children rarely becoming ill and the likelihood of getting sick from exposure seemingly increasing with age. Older people are both more likely to get the illness, and are also more likely to die of it.

This age bias is based on a report that uses preliminary data from Chinese health authorities. (see statnews.com/2020/03/03/who-is-getting-sick-and-how-sick-a-breakdown-of-coronavirus-risk-by-demographic-factors). There is some speculation, however, that children do catch the virus but the effects may be much less serious than in others.

At least as big a factor (and highly correlated with age) are underlying conditions that affect the ability to fight off infection - heart and respiratory conditions are particularly problematic.

Greenbelt

The demographics of the outbreak are highly relevant to our community. Given the average ages of residents in different parts of the city, if the virus took a solid grip here, mortality rates would likely differ widely among the center, east and west of the city. In particular, Old Greenbelt has been designated a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community on the basis of the average age of its residents - indicating a high percentage of residents over 60. Residents of Greenbelt West and East are characteristically much younger - with young families comprising the bulk of Franklin Park's community, for example. The demographic profile of central Greenbelt suggests it could be significantly affected.

Precautions

Who should take what pre-

cautions and when should precautions start? Each individual, beyond compliance with any government-mandated action, has choices to make.

Each individual can decide how much to do to reduce their risk - and it makes sense to do it in proportion to their risk. Statistically, a young healthy person has the least risk, whereas an older person, especially one with a chronic health condition, has a higher risk of serious illness and death.

Each has a responsibility to the community to avoid passing on the illness, even if their personal risk is low. Those more exposed should avoid contact with those most vulnerable. The approaches below come recommended by CDC and others to avoid infection and prevent its spread.

- Handwashing - use soap, wash backs and fronts of hands, pay attention to the nail beds and fingernails and between the fingers and the thumb and up onto the wrists. Here is one of many handwashing tutorials available online: bbc.com/news/av/health-51637561/coronavirus-watch-how-germs-spread.

- Avoid touching any mucous membranes, including eyes, nose and mouth, as these are doorways to infection.

- Avoid where people congregate. This means planes, buses and trains, taxis or ride services, restaurants, theaters, churches, classes, doctors' offices and hospitals for elective visits.

- Avoid touching surfaces that others touch or wash hands after touching. Examples are stair rails, doorknobs, elevator controls, restaurant tables and seats.

- Wearing a mask does little to prevent an individual from getting sick. Health workers wear them to prevent health-worker-to-patient transmission.

- Those caring for others should ensure they are equipped with suitable personal protective equipment to avoid patient-to-patient transmission. Care providers should be asked what they are doing to prevent transmission.

"This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available," said Dr. Ernest Carter, Prince George's County health officer. "We are working to ensure that Prince George's County residents are informed and are conducting important, everyday actions to

prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses." The County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC) have been escalated since March 4 to a partial activation level to respond to the evolving situation. This was prior to the first confirmed case in the county. This activation allows the county to continue taking appropriate steps to help keep Prince Georgians safe and healthy. County residents can call the County's Health Department hotline with questions or concerns at 301-883-6627.

Those interested can learn about a historical example of how a locality dealt with a communicable disease and quarantine by reading about the village of Eyam in Derbyshire, England, which self-quarantined in the year 1665 when the plague arrived from London in a bale of woolen cloth infested by fleas (bbc.com/news/uk-england-35064071). There is also a novel based on Eyam and written by Geraldine Brooks - *A Year of Wonders*.

Reliable Sources Of Information

Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering has a frequently updated website that contains information on global cases and their outcomes at arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd-40299423467b48e9ecf6.

The Centers for Disease Control maintains a site that has advice on how to prepare at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html. They maintain a separate website on seasonal influenza; COVID-19 is not seasonal influenza.

Information and updates about COVID-19, in addition to preparation and actions taken by the Prince George's County Government, are available at health.mypgc.us/coronavirus.

The City of Greenbelt posted a fact sheet in February and we anticipate updates will occur as required at greenbeltdmd.gov/Home/Components/News/News/90/16.



Meeting on NCZO and Greenbelt

Come hear Chad Williams, Master Planner of Zoning Rewrite, discuss the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone that is being written to protect Greenbelt's historic section.

Where: Greenbelt Community Center
Room 114

When: Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7-8:30 pm

Who: Greenbelt Community Development Corporation is hosting

Why: Because you need to know how it will affect Greenbelt, and if you can have any input and how to give your opinion.

How: Mark your calendars and come. Don't miss it

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Postal Problems in Greenbelt: Disappearing Mail Mystery

by Grace Kathleen Todd

Greenbelt Post Office's officer in charge addressed tales of missing mail, mysterious packages and delivery errors at a worksession on March 5 with the Greenbelt City Council. The meeting addressed not only citizens' concerns about the mail service, which is a branch of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), but problems employees face, too.

Only three members of the public were in attendance. "We don't have many residents," said Mayor Colin Byrd. "We're going to have to make sure that we echo their concerns in their absence."

Councilmembers were well equipped to do so, with stories of their own.

Councilmember Edward Putens found evidence that someone had looked through his mail and said he believes it exposed his bank account to fraud. Councilmember Judith Davis said she had her mail mixed up with other Davises in town. Councilmember Silke Pope once found a note on her door directing her to the post office to pick up a package. But there was nothing there for her when she showed up, she said.

Another time, Pope discovered mailed packages scattered on the road. She gave them to a passing mailman, who Pope said, was "very nonchalant. Like 'no big deal.' It is a big deal."

Carenda Tillery, the officer in charge, explained that some delivery errors may be due to a staff shortage and a number of new employees. "The difficulty," she said, "is in getting employees not to leave."

According to Tillery, anyone who believes their mail has been stolen can first call the post office, which can tell them whether the mail was delivered. If determined to be a case of theft, they should call the Postal Inspection Service to investigate. She made clear that her office does not perform investigations. "Postal inspectors are totally different from me," Tillery said.

She said the police department will likely also direct concerns about mail to the Postal Inspection Service. Germaine Timmermans, a Greenbelt resident in the gallery, said she took that very path to resolve a case of mail scam.

Councilmembers also raised issues with the post office's building. Tillery explained that when there is need for maintenance, the office is required to put in a work order, which can be a lengthy process.

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UMD Hosts Area Spelling Bee

The Washington Informer Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of The Clarice.

This event is the 20th Annual Prince George's County Spelling Bee. The Bee is open to all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders in public, private and home school associations.

Past Bees have been exciting and well-attended community events that are free and open to the public.

plaints, too," said Tillery. "If it's cold in there, we have to find heaters. If it's hot in there, we have to put fans on. Because guess what? They don't care."

Putens urged Tillery to speak to a union; postal workers have multiple.

Tillery said her office has complained to a union president. "I wouldn't let my dog work at the post office," she said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested council voice these concerns in letters to "elected officials, congressmen, lawyers." "I do think we'll probably take Mr. Roberts up on that suggestion," Byrd said.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan said he has seen homeless people sleeping in the 24-hour kiosk portion of the post office.

Davis suggested asking the police department to check in on the facility at night.

William Orleans, a Greenbelt resident, urged council to think about homeless issues on a broader scale. "What can we in Greenbelt do with the homeless population who might find themselves in Greenbelt at any given time?" he asked, chastising Jordan for "bemoaning the fact that on occasion there may be a homeless person, maybe on a cold or wet night, sleeping inside."

"I wasn't bemoaning that, I was just pointing out the fact," Jordan said. "It didn't really bother me." The topic was revived a few minutes later, and Jordan chimed in again. "Sounds like bemoaning to me," Orleans said.

Orleans also brought up the possibility of a privatized USPS, a venture President Donald Trump has raised repeatedly.

"We are aware that they want to do that, they're trying to do that – but it hasn't happened yet," Tillery said.

Orleans suggested council "be more involved ... to defend the postal service from being privatized further."

It was clear from the meeting that the issues brought up – large and small – will require ongoing work to solve. Perhaps Davis summed it up best near the end of the evening: "Bureaucracy is bureaucracy."

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Pop-Up Theater Closes Friday For Extensive Renovation

by Erik Hanson

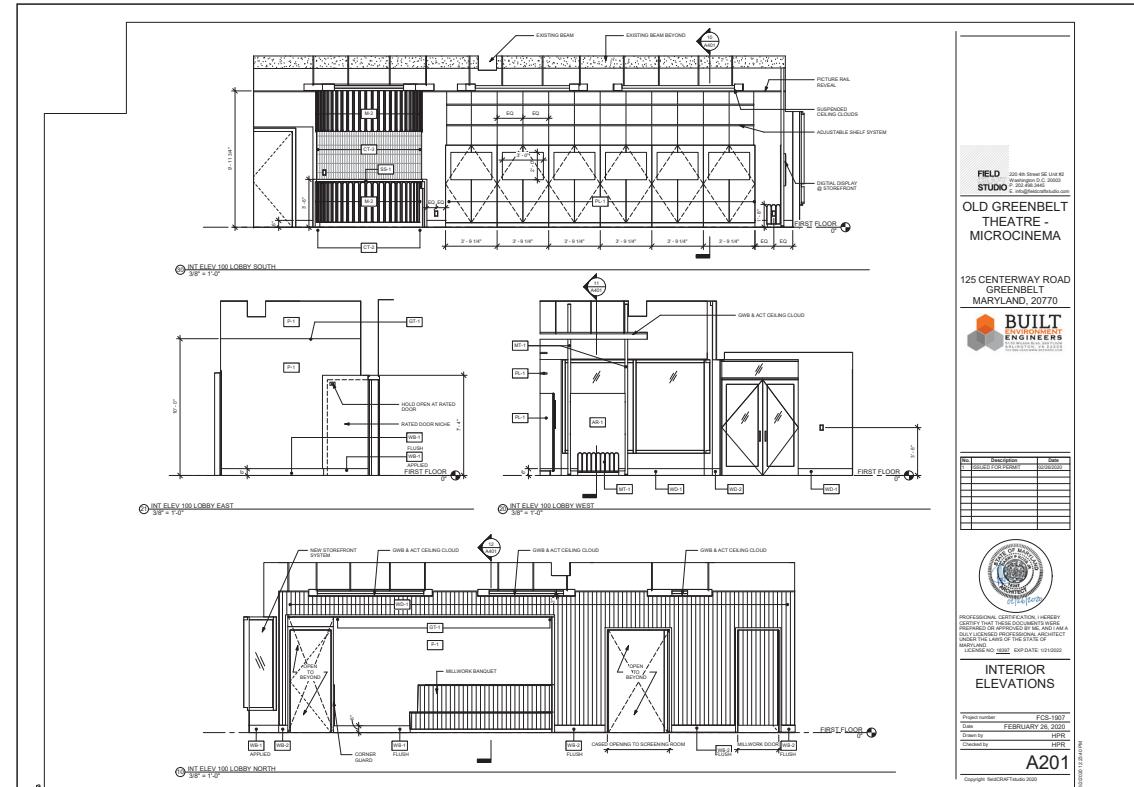


Diagram of Pop-Up renovation

Friday, March 13, the Pop-Up space of the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) at 125 Centerway will close for renovations. Work will begin by the end of March and OGT aims to have a new Screening Room running by June and a new Media Art Literacy Lab opening in the fall. Funds for the work came from the Beyond the Screen fundraising campaign. Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FGT), the nonprofit organization that runs the theater, began the campaign to raise \$250,000 in November 2019 and just met its goal.

"We raised the funds even more quickly than we expected," said Caitlin McGrath, executive director of the theater. "We really want to express our thanks to everyone who gave to make this possible." A new Screening Room will replace the Pop-Up theater. Inspired by screening rooms of the 1930s and 1940s, it will feature new soundproofing and light proofing with 45 new theater seats on risers. The Media Art Literacy Lab will allow FGT to expand their educational

programs in film, film history and media literacy for children, teens and adults. FGT will begin some "try-it" courses in the fall while developing a fuller curriculum. The lab will offer some free classes and some fee-based classes. A new inside door will connect the two spaces controlled by the theater.

"Caitlin has done a fantastic job with just one screen and the

small inner lobby space. But having two screens and the media lab will finally allow us to fulfill our mission of providing education through film for Greenbelt and the region," said Cathy Jones, FGT board chair. FGT has been operating the OGT at 129 Centerway since 2015. They took on the additional space at 125 Centerway in April 2019.



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We seek to endow this scholarship, and have raised nearly \$15,000 of our \$25,000 endowment goal. This Women's History Month, the News Review is asking readers to help us close the gap in this effort to endow the Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship.

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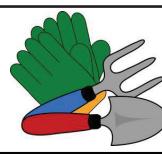
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Sports

ERHS Ends Strong Season Short of State Title Hopes

by Patrick Gleason

The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders basketball season ended earlier than expected at the hands of a last-second tip-in by the Wise Pumas. After senior Olumide Lewis tied the game at 59 with a layup, 33 seconds remained on the clock. The Pumas held the ball for the final shot and missed their first two attempts, contested by a stiff Roosevelt defense. However, the Pumas tipped in the second miss, only leaving the Raiders time for a half-court heave that Wise intercepted to end the Raider state title defense.

After the Pumas jumped out to a 21-12 first half lead, behind the scoring of Trey Thomas, who ended up with 27 points, the Raiders mounted a comeback, leading to a tightly contested second half where the teams traded buckets. Roosevelt looked to take control when senior Quinton Mincey scored on back-to-back possessions in the third quarter. First he dunked after an offensive rebound and then took his defender to the left for an emphatic slam on the next possession. Mincey's alley-oop attempt on the next possession clanged off the back of the rim, giving Wise new life. Senior Jahari Simon continued to knock down important three-pointers for Roosevelt, but Thomas' three with a minute and a half left tied the game. Roosevelt ended its season as the Prince George's County 4A regular season champions with a 19-4 record. Though they graduate five seniors they will look to a trio of young guards—Bryson Whitley, Fani Lewis, and James



Senior Jahari Simon knocks down a free throw during the second round playoff contest with the Wise Pumas.



Quinton Mincey energizes the Raiders with a put-back dunk.

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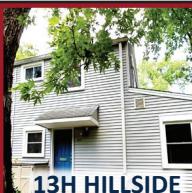
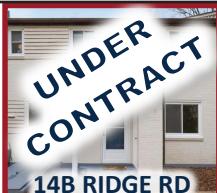
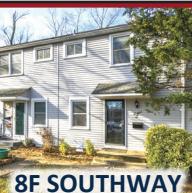


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Women's History Month

Ph.D. Student Pursues Passion With V. Beauchamp Scholarship

by Brogan Gerhart

"The future is all of ours, together," said Renina Jarmon, a doctoral student in the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Maryland (UMD). "And there are consequences to not teaching people how to think."

Jarmon is the 2019 recipient of the Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship and an instructor as well as a student at UMD. Originally from Oakland, Calif., Jarmon said she had an interest in hip-hop and feminism as a teenager, and has always pursued what she was drawn to intellectually.

After receiving a B.A. in psychology from Eugene Lang College in 2000, Jarmon began looking into graduate programs, finding the perfect match at UMD to pursue her interest in studying the intersection of race, gender, culture and art.

While Jarmon credits her own teachers with having a transformative role in her life, she said that she never had to study how teaching could impact students' lives — she's just lived through it, first as a student and now as a teacher.

"I love teaching," Jarmon said, "and conducting research that moves women's and black women's studies further along."

According to the Department of Women's Studies, Jarmon teaches Women, Art and Culture, Black Culture in the U.S. and, a new course at the university, Black Women in Popular Culture: From the Blues to Beyoncé.

"Maryland is a really bright place for students, some who have never had a humanities course before," Jarmon observed. "[Students] are struck by the complexities of black history in this country as it pertains to art and culture, and I derive energy from them as they learn about America's hidden history."

Jarmon said that she's pursuing a doctoral degree to open up more possibilities surrounding her love for art. One of her dreams is going into art administration or opening her own museum on the East Coast.

"Pursuing a Ph.D. is like a marriage," Jarmon said. "You have an idea of what it's going to be like, and you learn new things along the way. You learn how to navigate as you move forward."

The Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship was named in honor of UMD Professor Virginia W. Beauchamp, who founded the Department of Women's Studies in 1975, was a longtime member of the Greenbelt News Review and an advocate for the Greenbelt community.



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Renina Jarmon, Ph.D. student and instructor, is the 2019 recipient of the Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship.

Since its inception in 2016, the Beauchamp Scholarship has provided annual need-based awards of \$750 for graduate students in the Department of Women's Studies.

So far, nearly \$15,000 of the \$25,000 endowment goal has been reached. Once endowed, the Beauchamp Scholarship will live in perpetuity to support generations of students just like Jarmon. The fund must reach \$25,000 by June 30, 2021 in order to become an endowed scholarship and have the potential to grow the stipend from \$750 to \$1,000 or more a year.

When asked why people should invest in the Department of Women's Studies and its students, Jarmon said that, whether they are able to give to the program or not, people will eventually pay one way or the other.

"Investing in a subject that has to do with looking critically at human behavior is investing in exploring questions that give us insights into how to build a better future," she said, reflecting on the importance of what she believes is an essential skillset, especially in an election year.

To celebrate Women's History Month, the News Review will match all donations, up to \$5,000, made to the Virginia W. Beauchamp Scholarship Fund through March. The newspaper learned Monday of the first donation in response to its challenge.

The News Review is calling upon its readers to help the Beauchamp Scholarship reach its endowment goal to help students and teachers like Renina Jarmon elevate women's issues, educate a more informed youth and pursue their passions.

This article is part two of a three-part series that honors Virginia Beauchamp's life and her legacy. Information on how to give to the Beauchamp Scholarship Fund can be found in the advertisement on page 13.

Local Birders and Wildlife Watchers Take a Big Leap Day

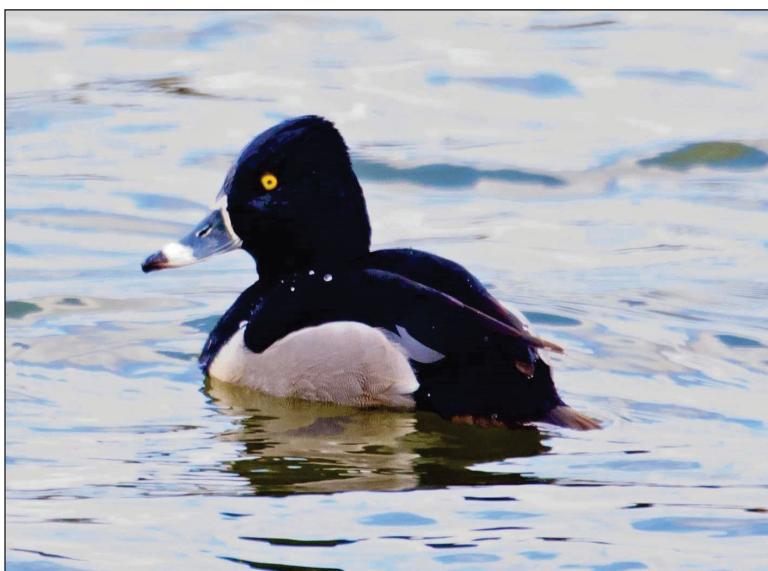
by Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll

This past Leap Day, February 29, local birders and wildlife enthusiasts took to the outdoors to support the Breeding Bird Atlas, a citizen science initiative to map breeding bird populations across Maryland and the District of Columbia. The Breeding Bird Atlas is a five-year study that has been conducted two times previously: in 1983 to 1987 and 2002 to 2006. With the news full of stories about the unprecedented decline in bird populations, studies such as the Breeding Bird Atlas offer incredibly important insight into the resilience of bird species and how they react to changes in climate, land use and other environmental changes.

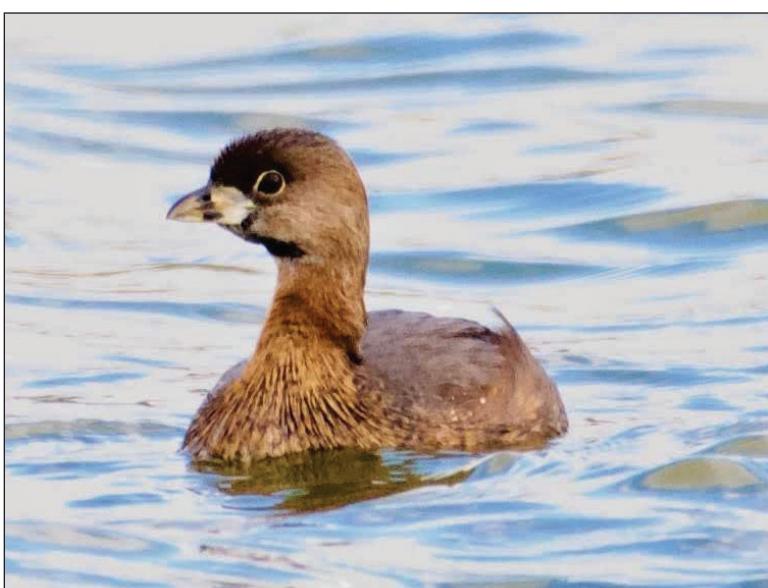
2020 marks the first year of data collection for the third atlas and to celebrate Leap Day, MD/DC Atlas Coordinator Gabriel Foley hosted a Big Leap Day bird counting event. The City of Greenbelt participated in the event by sponsoring a team of local birders and enthusiasts. The city generously covered the \$10 registration fee of the participants and offered \$0.29 per bird found by the team, donated to the Maryland Ornithological Society to help fund the atlas project.

Fourteen community members volunteered to join the team, led by Public Works Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll. The event began at 10 a.m. with coffee and light snacks at the Public Works building, where team members were given a brief presentation on the history of the Breeding Bird Atlas, what birds volunteers could expect to see, bird identification methods and some useful birding apps for smartphones. Following the presentation, the team began their count at Buddy Attick Park where they found 30 different species, including hooded mergansers, a red-tailed hawk and a ruby-crowned kinglet. Temperatures were cold and the wind was blustery, keeping many birds hunkered down and out of sight as the team traveled around Greenbelt Lake.

Several team members, undeterred by the weather, continued the count at Lake Artemesia where they counted 22 different species. The waterfowl were the main attractions at the lake, with large numbers of hooded mergansers, buffleheads, ring-necked ducks, pied-billed grebes and the exciting appearance of an American coot. Overall the day was a great success. The team counted close to 300 birds, resulting in a city donation of \$87. Combined with the registration fees, the city donated over \$220 to the



Male ring-necked duck spotted on Big Leap Day.



Pied-billed grebe

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